

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and all prior versions, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) Insulated ultrafine powder comprising electroconductive ultrafine powder which is acicular, having a minor axis in the range of 5 nm to 70 nm, and an insulating film on said electroconductive ultrafine powder, wherein the insulating film has a thickness which is 0.3 nm or larger and not larger than the minor axis of said acicular of the electroconductive ultrafine powder, said electroconductive ultrafine powder being made of a material selected from the group consisting of stannic oxide doped with antimony, indium trioxide doped with tin, zinc oxide doped with aluminum or gallium, and barium plumbate, and the insulating film comprises at least one species selected from the group consisting of an oxide having insulating properties and a nitride having insulating properties.

2. (Original) The insulated ultrafine powder according to Claim 1 wherein the insulating film has a relative dielectric constant of at least 20.

3.-6. (Cancelled).

7. (Original) A resin composite material which comprises at least one species selected from the group consisting of the insulated ultrafine powder as set forth in Claim 1 and polymer at a volumetric ratio (the powder / the polymer) in the range of 5/95 to 50/50.

8. (Original) The resin composite material according to Claim 7 which further comprises a filler.

9. (Original) The resin composite material according to Claim 7 which has a relative dielectric constant of at least 20.

10. (Original) A high dielectric constant film or sheet comprising the resin composite material as set forth in Claim 7 which is formed thereinto.

11. (Original) An electronic part which comprises the high dielectric constant film or sheet as set forth in Claim 10.

12. (Previously presented) The insulated ultrafine powder according to Claim 1 wherein the electroconductive ultrafine powder is made of stannic oxide doped with antimony.

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Currently amended) The insulated ultrafine powder according to Claim ~~143~~, wherein the acicular electroconductive ultrafine powder has an aspect ratio of 2 to 100.

15. (Previously presented) The insulated ultrafine powder according to Claim 14, wherein said aspect ratio is 10 to 40.

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Previously presented) The insulated ultrafine powder according to Claim 1 wherein said insulating film is a metal oxide having insulating properties and a dielectric constant of at least 20.

18. (Previously presented) The insulated ultrafine powder according to Claim 17 wherein said dielectric constant is at least 100.